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**WARNING LETTER**

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Kevin E. D. Smith  
Terminal B Manager  
DFW International Airport  
P.O. Drawer 619428  
DFW, Texas 75261

Dear Mr. Smith:

During an inspection of your airline support facility at DFW Terminal B, DFW International Airport, on April 09, 2001, our investigator documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced site has been classified as "Provisional." Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. Fecal matter was observed between two and six feet of the lavatory cart/truck dumpsite drain. Blue sewage spill was noted between four and twelve feet of the lavatory drain.
2. The north dumpsite floor does not slope toward the drain and the two drains at the south dumpsite are not covered or protected from vermin.
3. The Reduced Pressure Zone backflow device test cocks for the south dumpsites were not protected from the environment and lacked caps.
4. The hose extension coupling at the potable water hydrant by Gate 39 leaked profusely when the hydrant was turned on.
5. The hose nozzle border for potable water hydrant with attached hose at Gate 39 was rusted and the washer with an extension did not provide an easily cleaned surface.
6. Continuous leaks of potable water were noted coming from the backflows at Gate B-12 and the deicing room. Lack of caps were noted on cocks at potable water cabinets B-39, B-12 and B-11.

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7. An accumulation of dirt was noted in 3 potable water cabinets, B-11, B-12 and B-39 and two of the three had rusty bottom shelves.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your airline support site and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations.

A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with you at the referenced support facility. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigator at the DFW location inspected and respond in writing to each observation. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA. Your airline support facility may be placed on a "Not Approved" status, following the current provisional status, if future similar violations occur. FDA would ask that you extend any needed corrections to other airline support facilities at DFW. We realize that a large airport may have numerous support facilities and therefore, you should address the compliance status at all locations under your control.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Chappell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Chappell" clearly distinguishable.

Michael A. Chappell  
Dallas District Director

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cc: Mr. Jeffrey Fegan  
Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Sidney C. Hobbs  
Terminal Maintenance Superintendent